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Sixth Grand Aggregate for Lillian Balazs



THE WINNERS' CIRCLE at the Elk Point Horticulture and Craft Show included, front row, left to right, Mackenzie Flanders, Junior Fair, Margaret Bayduza, Baking and Photography and second place in Grand Aggregate, Lillian Balazs, Canning, Knitting, Crochet and Weaving and Grand Aggregate winner, Dolores Mohyluk, Flowers. Back row, left to right, are Lee Wruth, Yard Art, Jennifer Van der Hoek, Photography, with one of her favourite subjects, Laverne Wilson, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Verona Lea Flanders, Seniors section, Romy Matthiessen, standing in for mom Rosemarie Rohner, who won the Violet McFadyen Memorial Award, Sewing and Quilting, Timmy Cardinal, 11 and Under Creative Writing and Myrna Fox, House Plants. Not shown are Kori Kozicki, Junior Creative Writing, and Marrieanne Pierson, Arts, Crafts and Hobbies and Third Place Aggregate.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Cold Lake resident Lillian Balazs is no stranger to the winners' circle at Elk Point Horticulture and Craft Show, and she was back there again this year, gathering up two section awards in addition to her sixth Grand Aggregate award in the past 15 years.

This year, Balazs took home the Empress Family Restaurant gift certificate in the Canning section and a garden sign donated by PharmaChoice in the Knitting, Crochet and Weaving section as well as the \$50 cash prize from Elk Point Agricultural Society and the UFA Elk Point plaque for the Grand Aggregate win.

Margaret Bayduza, who won the \$30 Ag Society prize as first runner-up in the aggregate, also claimed two section prizes, winning a gift card from Elk Point Co-op in the Baking section and a Home Town Grocers gift certificate in the Photography.

Third place in the aggregate, with a \$20 prize from the Ag Society, went to Marrieanne Pierson, who also won the Elk Point Insurance cash prize in the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies section.

A very special award went to Rosemarie Rohner, in addition to her win of the B & R Eckel's and Hahn Welding cash prizes in the Sewing and Quilting sections. Those entries, plus her entries in the Flowers, House Plants and Vegetables sections, added up to the Violet E McFadyen Memorial Fair Award, which is presented annually in memory of the longtime fair supporter, who always encouraged others to participate in the event. Rohner was unable to be in attendance, as she had accompanied her husband Hans to a ceremony where he was to receive an award, and daughter Romy Matthiessen accepted the award from Mrs. McFadyen's daughter, Myrna Fox, on her behalf.

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FCSS Amazing Race stampedes through Elk Point



AND THEY'RE OFF! Twelve teams head out of the Iron Horse Trail staging area in Elk Point's first-ever Amazing Race, hosted by the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A shorter but equally spirited version of television's Amazing Race came to Elk Point last Thursday, as 12 intrepid teams completed a series of five challenges at sites across the community in their quest to become Elk Point's first-ever Amazing Race champions.

From their starting line just east of the host County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS office, the teams rushed up the street to Elk Point Co-op to take part in a Food Frenzy relay that involved both eating soda crackers and feeding a teammate pudding while blindfolded.

Finishing that task in short order, teams headed to Mural Park, to complete a Puzzle of the Past, quickly arranging their puzzle pieces into a replica of one of the panels on Elk Point's 100-foot-long historical mural.

While both those sites were within walking or running distance, the participants were happy to have their vehicles for the next leg of the race, which took them to the Elk Point Recreation Park's Wilson Field, where they were 'All Tied Up' into pairs for a three-legged race to find a lock fastened to the ball diamond fence and the corresponding combination which would unlock it. Presenting the opened lock to the volunteers at that site earned them their next clue and they were back on the road again, headed for town.

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Unsightly yards down, but illegal trailer parking continues

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

CAO Ken Gwozdz was happy to report that all but three of Elk Point's unsightly properties had been cleaned up by the time of last Monday's town council meeting. A total of 18 violators were on the list after a recent tour of Elk Point by Gwozdz and Public Works superintendent Jay Duffee, but letters sent to the violators on July 14 did the job in most cases. Gwozdz said, "Only three haven't done what they were supposed to do." He added that the total number has decreased substantially since last year, when 40 properties were on the unsightly list.

The next step is to contact the property owners in order to resolve the situation without going to an enforcement order, Gwozdz said.

While the unsightly yards problem has dwindled, problems with illegally parked trailers have not. The town received unsigned letters from unhappy taxpayers on July 20 and Aug. 2 urging that the parking bylaw be enforced and listing six addresses where trailers are being parked for longer than the 72 hours allowed in the amended bylaw. The CAO plans to visit the trailer owners and provide them with a copy of the bylaw, to ensure that these individuals know that their trailers are parked illegally.

Final readings

An amended Borrowing Bylaw 752/16 was given its two final readings, giving town council the authority to borrow \$150,000 for installation of power and street lights in Stage 2A - 1 of the Centennial Subdivision and \$1,600,000 to refinance the newly constructed water storage facility. The original bylaw had listed the smaller sum as being required for a lump sum payment to lease the Eco Centre offices from the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, however the chamber has since obtained a bank loan and continues to receive rental fees on a monthly basis.

Fire policy

Council also passed a policy requiring the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department to establish a set of

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) and to present it to the Town on an annual basis. The policy had previously been approved by the fire board, which recommended that council adopt the policy.

The SOGs will include guidelines for member responsibilities, conduct and duties, performance evaluations, attendance, discipline, personal protective equipment and uniforms, training, apparatus inspections, receiving and responding to calls, minimum personnel required for response, drugs, alcohol and smoking, social functions, allowances and honorariums,

Officer.' The policy gives guidelines for valuation, amortization and estimating the remaining lifespan of assets.

Back in the black

The CAO reported that as of Aug. 2, the town had a zero overdraft, following the receipt of MSI Capital funds and the ACP grant for bulk water. The bulk of the current year's taxes are yet to be paid, with the deadline for payment without added penalty coming at the end of August.



The heavily-traveled sidewalk in front of A. G. Ross Arena that is popular with recreational walkers is one of the areas to receive a much needed recent upgrade by Public Works staff

fundraising, drones (if applicable) and unit response guidelines that would include when to call mutual aid.

The policy also requires the fire department to provide the town with their written recommendations for fire chief and deputy fire chief on an annual basis, along with an operational budget, 10-year capital plan and fundraising financial statements. The policy also states that inspections of the fire hall are to be carried out on a regular basis and that firefighters are prohibited from driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Airport

Council approved the signing of a joint operations agreement with the County of St. Paul for the Elk Point Airport for the period of Nov. 1, 2016 until Oct. 31, 2026, and also to sign a joint lease with the county for the airport property owned by Alberta Transportation.

Tangible Capital Assets

The town's tangible capital assets policy has a new look, having been given a new format in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Board requirements. The policy is otherwise unchanged, except for replacing 'Town Manager' with 'Chief Administrative

Walking trail upgrades

Sidewalk refurbishing is part of the town's walking trail upgrades, and several areas have been replaced, with Public Works doing a good job, and Gwozdz complimenting Duffee on his abilities as a cement finisher. The 22 trees donated by Steve and Marie Srdic have been planted along Railway Ave. and west of 54 St. along the walking trail, and recent rains have been beneficial. More trees are being purchased to plant along the west trail. Both council and the CAO have received feedback regarding planting trees under the Railway Ave. power line, but Mayor Parrish Tung says, "These trees don't grow that tall."

Unfinished lane

The completion of the lane on the north side of Phase 2A -1 of the Centennial Subdivision brought with it the realization that the lane behind the north side lots of the adjoining Stage 1 lots had never been completed. A cost of \$17,261 plus GST for grading and graveling the 150-metre stretch has now been obtained, and was approved by council subject to approaching the county regarding the availability of gravel. The cost will come from MSI capital funding.

Algae invades Stoney Lake

JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

A number of blue-green algae advisories remain in place for lakes in the St. Paul, Bonnyville and Smoky Lake areas.

The lake nearest to St. Paul with an advisory is just a short 15-minute drive from town, and one of the most popular campgrounds in the municipality. Stoney Lake has had an advisory for nearly the entire summer season, with Alberta Health Services putting notice on the lake on June 22.

Kirsten Goruk, a senior communications advisor with AHS, confirmed that all the North Zone blue-green algae advisories issued this summer remain in effect. Notice will be given when they are rescinded.

Moose Lake, located near Bonnyville was put under a health advisory on July 19. Residents living near the lake and visitors to the lake were advised to take necessary

precautions, which are to avoid all contact with the algae blooms, avoid swimming or wading in the water, and limiting consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings caught in the lake.

Garner Lake, which is located between Smoky Lake County and the County of St. Paul was put under an advisory on July 13. Mons Lake, which is also within Smoky Lake County, had an advisory put on July 12.

The same types of precautions are noted for each of the lakes that have identified blue-green algae.

"Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is naturally occurring, and often become visible when weather conditions are calm," according to information from AHS. "Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface of water, blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy."

The media releases for each

lake also note, "People who come in contact with visible blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), or who ingest water containing blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms."

It is also noted that areas where the algae bloom is not visible on lakes can still be used for recreational purposes, even while the advisories are in place.

Lac La Biche Lake, located in Lac La Biche County, was also put under an advisory on July 15.

Locals can visit <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/zones/north-zone.aspx> to get up to date information on blue-green algae advisories in the area.



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New leadership for Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, regional approach discussed

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

County of St. Paul council learned at last week's meeting that not only has Elk Point Fire Chief Ken Palamarek tendered his resignation, the deputy fire chief Mark Gormley has announced he would be moving out of the area.

The department has decided to operate with just a deputy fire chief and assistant.

"There's lots of capable (members)," said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Later in the meeting, a message was received stating John Kadustki was appointed as Deputy Chief and Jordan Cousins as Assistant Deputy Fire Chief.

Administration staff from the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point will be meeting with fire chiefs from the four departments in mid-August to discuss "a more regional approach to Fire Services."

Kitz said in her report that this initiative could be a great project for ACP granting.

New speed limit

A stretch of road along Twp Rd 590 near Owlseye will officially see a new speed limit, following the three readings of Bylaw No. 2016-14 at last week's regular monthly County of St. Paul council meeting.

Although 60 km/hour signs had been posted before the third reading was passed, the signs were taken down since the process to change the speed limit had yet to be complete.

The change came about after a request from a resident who has land on both side of the road was brought forward to council. Then resident operates

a farm in the area, and the road, which is a forced road due to a large body of water in the area, resulted in a residence being on one side of the road, and a farmyard on the other.

The 60 km/hour speed limit will be in effect for the stretch of road that begins 400m east of Range Road 101, going west for a total distance of 900m.

Councillors Cliff Martin and Laurent Amyotte voted against third reading of the bylaw. Coun. Maxine Fodness, who voted in favour, requested a recorded vote on the issue.

Director of Public Works

The County of St. Paul has been advertising for a director of public works since earlier this summer, with a deadline for applications being set for July 29. CAO Sheila Kitz said she had received about 30 applications for the position. Those applications will be shortlisted to about seven interviews, taking place before the end of August.

Weed Control

Council discussed the need to press the government for weed control along provincial highways. It was noted that an exact location is needed when asking for weed control, but often, especially at this time of the year, the weeds take up large areas.

"It's an issue across the province," said Agricultural Fieldman Dennis Berghem. "They've missed the season. It's all gone to seed now."

Councillors noted that the province needs to spray ditches in June to get control of the pests. Coun. Frank Sloan also voiced his displeasure at the timing of mowing along the highways, saying it should have been done in early July. If mowing is being done now, it's just

spreading the seeds, he added.

Council agreed to direct administration to draft a letter to the Minister of Transportation from the county, expressing the concerns.

Clubroot

So far, no clubroot has been found in the County of St. Paul, with a survey currently taking place. The survey began on the east end of the county, but is not yet complete.

Water

About 11 km of pipe has been installed on the Spedden to Ashmont waterline. Weekly meetings are being held with the contractor, engineer, Muni-Corr, and the county all present.

Work is also being done on putting together a plan to flush the distribution systems at Lottie Lake and Ashmont in anticipation of the completion of the project, which will see EPCOR water brought to the two communities.

Moosehills Road

A "fairly significant" movement has been noted on Moosehills Road. The road has been an ongoing issue for the County of St. Paul, and last summer, the county approved \$100,000 to conduct an engineering study on the road.

The area will continue to be monitored, said Kitz, who added that the county had yet to receive piezometer readings yet from AMEC.

FCSS events

After meeting with Town of St. Paul CAO Holly Habiak, Kitz said the pair agreed that it would be best to continue to charge each other according to the municipalities' fee schedules when using each other's facilities, followed by councils then approving those fees to be waived.

For example, the town charged the county for use of Reunion Station for an outdoor movie night, while the county charged the town for use of the Community Connector trailer.

Those charges will be refunded, but bringing the items forward to council keeps everyone up to date on what the other municipality is using.

In her CAO report, Kitz also noted that the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS department has been very busy this summer, organizing a variety of well-attended events in St. Paul, in the county, and in Elk Point.

Stray dogs

The County of St. Paul has decided to house stray dogs at its public works shop rather than sign a new contract with a local kennel.

"Two kennels have been set up at the public works shop, so we have been housing the stray dogs there," said Kitz. Administration felt a contract with the local kennel, which is set to expire in a couple weeks, will no longer be needed once comes to its end.

The County of St. Paul's Dog Control Bylaw can be accessed on the municipality's website.

Trackhoe

A motion to approve the purchase of a trackhoe for road construction was approved by council. Two quotes were received for the machinery, with council agreeing to the lower quote of \$252,000 for a 2014 model.

The machinery was not included in the 2016 capital budget, and funding for the purchase is coming from the 2016 budgeted surplus, or from unrestricted surplus, according to the county agenda for last week's meeting.

Wilderness survival skills on tap at Bushcraft 1792

Edmonton House Brigade returns to Fort George and Buckingham House to share their knowledge

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A total of 224 years have passed since the rival North West Company and Hudson's Bay Company came to the hills above the North Saskatchewan River to establish their trading posts, Fort George and Buckingham House. The wilderness they came to is still magnificent to behold. That same wilderness is also still just as potentially deadly for those venturing into it unprepared.

On Saturday August 27, the staff of Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site will welcome visitors to Bushcraft 1792 to learn some of the skills and knowledge that were needed to survive here in the 1790s. The event goes from noon to 4 p.m. and is the final major event of the 2016 season, which comes to an end on Labour Day, Sept. 5.

This is the second year for Bushcraft, and program coordinator Ross Stromberg says the event is "amped up" from last year's first offering. Along with a Vermilion

craftsman who constructs authentic birch bark canoes slated to be in attendance, three members of the Edmonton House Brigade will be on hand with their black powder muskets, fur-trade-era tools and their extensive knowledge of life in the fur trade. One of those visitors is a flint knapper and will demonstrate the ancient craft of creating arrowheads. Another historic craft will come from the site's own staff, who will instruct

the visitors in the making of the birch baskets that were used for storage and transport of goods during the fur trade.

Bushcraft 1792 is "intended for those looking for an authentic learning experience," Stromberg says, noting that unlike the first major event of the season, this one is "not intended for small kids."

That first event, 'Bears and Berries,' held in mid-July, drew an even larger crowd than last year,

with over 90 people and a large number of their favourite bears on site to enjoy the famous Teddy Bears' Picnic and to taste the summer's best Saskatoon pie, topped with ice cream.

Saskatoon pie will be on the menu again at Bushcraft, according to the Friends of the Forts, who also suggest it's never too early to do some Christmas shopping in their well-stocked gift shop.

Stromberg and head

interpreter Dayle Oster say the site has been busy all summer, and along with the regular tours, hosted a large group from Northern Lights Library System for a team-building exercise. The Forts were represented in parades in Elk Point on Canada Day and in Vermilion during that community's annual fair.

They've even had "a little excitement at Fort George," Stromberg told the Friends of the Forts at last week's meeting.

Archaeologists from the Royal Alberta Museum visited the site to gather an authentic fireplace hearth that will be part of the fur trade exhibit in the new museum now under construction. "They excavated it, 3D-modeled it, and will restore it when they're done in a couple of days," he added. "Fort George will be physically represented in the Royal Alberta Museum." Work on the new museum is "moving ahead quickly," he said.

We've enjoyed covering the Oilmen's!



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EDITORIAL

Now, that's Amazing!

The hugely successful Amazing Race that hit the streets of Elk Point last Thursday evening just goes to show what a great idea it was to combine the County of St. Paul FCSS and the Elk Point FCSS departments.

Excellent attendance, enthusiastic participation and plenty of volunteer help provided the community with an event that would probably never have happened, or even been thought of, if the two departments hadn't merged.

A similar race in St. Paul, along with hands-on science afternoons for the youngsters, basketball tournaments and other events, plus a long lineup of outdoor movies that brought top-notch family entertainment to all corners of the county has given FCSS a massive facelift. No longer is this always busy agency just a place that hosts Information Night and Grandparents Day each September, and where one can register for Christmas food hampers and get assistance with basic income tax each April. That FCSS served the community well, with its directors involved in many other events and committees, but the merger brought a whole new aspect to the table.

The new partnership is reminiscent of the time when FCSS was part of Elk Point's Community Services Department, that brought us events like Participation and Volunteer Week celebrations. It's like FCSS, only expanded and enhanced.

At the time the merger took place, there were many who wondered how well Elk Point would be served by a department that didn't just focus on our town. It appears that it is being served extremely well, and after a year of operation, is moving forward at an ambitious and exhilarating pace.

It is said that 'change is good,' and in this case, it has proven to be very good indeed.

RECREATION CORNER

Information Night coming September 6

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Review contributor

Has the sudden sink of back to school hit you yet?! It's definitely given me a little shake up. I don't want to throw you off summer too soon but I did want to mention that the FCSS will be hosting their annual Information Night and registration night the first Tuesday of September. If you haven't already marked it on your calendar, do it now. All the clubs and organizations will be showcasing what they do at one location, for one evening only. So if your kid's unsure what sport he/she wants to join, this is where you can find out more info. Or if you already know what you're doing, this is where you sign up. For clubs if you haven't already registered call Terry at the FCSS 7807243800 and she can get you a table and go over all the information you need.

This weekend is the Elk Point Oilmen's golf tournament. The Elk Point rec department has co-sponsored the designated driver van, so no excuses! Don't drink and drive!! Have a great time men on the course. If you want to sponsor a hole or the dinner contact Ryan at Hahn's Welding.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Fair aggregates, oil patch layoffs, Saskatoon Festival

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 16 IN...

1986

A bumper crop of prize ribbons and three section aggregate wins added up to the Elk Point Fair's Grand Aggregate award for Norma Berg, who had won the runner-up award the previous year. Oilman Byron Mann announced he would be seeking the mayor's chair in the fall election, after he was approached by concerned citizens who felt town council wasn't spending money on the right priorities.

1991

Norma Berg won her fifth Elk Point Fair grand aggregate award, along with section awards in canning, flowers and house plants. Amoco Canada announced the final details on job layoffs, with 10 in the Elk Point area, 18 in Lloydminster and two at Soars Lake as part of the company's restructuring.

1996

Christina Brown won her third Elk Point Fair grand aggregate award, also winning section awards in baking, canning, knitting/crochet/weaving and the seniors' section. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was concerned with the number of people going out of town to fill their hardware needs since fire destroyed Phil's Hardware, but it was noted that Stedmans could order hardware items for their customers and Vincent Lumber had a good line of paint and building hardware in stock.

2001

Lois Yaremkevich won her sixth Elk Point Fair grand aggregate award on a weekend that also featured an amazing kaleidoscope of talent, including a display of 67 quilts. Buddy Bensmiller won the World Professional Chuckwagon championship in Strathmore, outdistancing closest rival Jason Glass by

a 46.5-point margin.

2006

Christina Brown won her third Elk Point Fair aggregate in a row, totaling up the points with section wins in baking, fresh fruit, knitting/crochet and the seniors' section. The Fort George and Buckingham House Saskatoon Festival was an outstanding success, with almost 140 visitors enjoying saskatoon treats, learned about the fur trade on tours to the sites and shopped at tables filled with local crafts and food products.

2011



For the first time in decades, Millie Orr's name was added to the Elk Point Agricultural Society's Horticulture and Craft Show Grand Aggregate plaque presented by Dona Bassett. Wildrose party leader Danielle Smith and Lac La Biche - St. Paul candidate Shane Saskiw stopped in Elk on the 19th day of Smith's 20-day tour of the province, and were welcomed by a good turnout of area residents, eager to share their concerns.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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QUILTS, QUILTS AND MORE QUILTS drew plenty of attention as crafters checked out each other's work and those who don't sew marveled at the work that has been put into these outstanding examples of fabric artistry.



MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE ARENA... Ron Smith and Geoff Hyslop manned the burger tent at a Minor Ball fundraiser while an endless stream of youngsters enjoyed the bounce castle just outside A. G. Ross Arena.



RUGS FOR MUGS - were a featured display at this year's quilt show



VIOLET E. MCFADYEN MEMORIAL AWARD - was presented by Myrna Fox (right) to Romy Matthiessen, who picked up the award for her mother, Rosemaire Rohner.

Winners

(Continued from Front Page)

Fox was also an award recipient, taking home the prize from Moe's Greenhouse in the House Plants category, while the Flowers section prize from Rona went to Delores Mohyluk.

Winning was a family affair for the Flanders family, with Verona Lea winning the Hahn Welding prize in the Seniors section, her granddaughter Mackenzie winning the Junior Fair prize sponsored by Shamrock Valley Enterprises and daughter Jennifer Van der Hoek once again successful in the Creative Writing section, sponsored by the Elk Point Review, where the Age 12 to 16 prize went to first-time entrant Kori Kozicki and the Age 11 and Under award to Timmy Cardinal.

Green-thumbed Laverne Wilson picked up a pair of wins, his Fresh Fruits prize sponsored by Knotty Boyz and his Vegetables prize sponsored by B & R Eckel's. Lee Wruth was the final winner on the list, accepting the Yard Art prize sponsored by JPD Enterprises.



LOCAL CRAFTERS - Lee Wruth, above with his yard artwork, and Rosemary Vinge, peeking through one of her artistic wreaths, were among the vendors at the summer market, and Carla Ganske sold a variety of bags.





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EPOA President's message

Well, it has come to that time of year again and the 33rd Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament is here. On behalf of the EPOA, I would like to welcome all attending and involved for this year's event.

This year has most definitely been a lot different than years past, with the shape the economy has been in. So I would like to dedicate this year to the companies that help make this event possible with their donations, small and large. We would not be able to have events like this without the support from the community. So, THANK YOU from all of us on the EPOA!

I would also like to thank the Town of Elk Point that lets us continue to use the Golf Course for an event like this. And to the golf course staff for all that they must put up with, and the long days and nights (that, I am sure, are sometimes entertaining).

Now on to the golfers that will be participating in this year's event: Welcome to our 33rd Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament. It is good to see so many returning golfers again this year and we are happy to see many new entries joining in on the golf. This even is all about having a fun, enjoyable weekend that will help take away the stress of the day-to-day grind. We hope all involved have an enjoyable time and stay safe.

Now, on to my EPOA golf committee, it has been a lot of work for us this year and it has only just begun. So thank you and your families for the time it takes to put on something like this.

In closing, I wish the best to all the golfers and non-golfers. I hope you can create new friendships and lasting memories. Thank you again for your time and I hope you enjoy your weekend and that we will see you again next year. Please enjoy our shuttle service and please don't drink and drive.

Ryan Hahn
President, Elk Point Oilmen's Association

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YOU WANT MORE WATER? One of the FCSS crew members gives a racer more than a sponge full at the slip'n'slide after the team complained how many trips carrying a sopping wet sponge it took to fill their pail.

Amazing Race

(Continued from Front Page)

'Speed Read,' hosted by Elk Point Municipal Library, was anything but speedy for some of the participants, who took quite a while to search the shelves for the books on their reading list and use them to fill in the blanks to solve a riddle, then return the books to the shelves before they could present their answers to volunteer Bernice Capijack and get the clue to their next destination.

The final stop was a definite challenge for most of the teams, who learned just how difficult it is to spin around a bat 10 times before cruising down a slip'n'slide carrying a soggy sponge, and then squeeze the sponge into a waiting bucket, team members repeating the maneuver in turn, over and over and over, until the bucket was full and they received their final clue, tucked inside a water balloon.

Winning team members Bradley and Dustin Dubrulle and Spencer and Denver Graling answered a resounding "WET!" when the organizers asked them how it felt to complete the challenge first. They received a \$100 gift certificate from Magic Pizza along with their prize ribbons and bragging rights.

A two-woman team, Megan Gogowich and Kailee Kotowich, sprinted up to the Amazing Race mat in second place, while the four-woman team of Trinity Houle, Gloria Ahyasou, Debbie Priddle and Laura Burton came in right on their heels to claim third place.

Thrilled with the participation in this year's premiere event, County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk hinted that due to this year's success, next year's race may be expanded to include the entire county.



FOOD FRENZY TEAMWORK was very necessary when the person wielding a spoon full of pudding was blindfolded.



PIECE BY PIECE - teams put together puzzles to match up to one of the panels on Elk Point's Historical Mural.



IT'S IN THERE SOMEWHERE! Teams comb the stacks at Elk Point Municipal Library in search of clues that solve a riddle.

Vicki Brooker photos



THE THREE-LEGGED RACE had teams all tied up as they hunted down the combinations that fit their locks to earn their next clue at Elk Point Recreation Park's Wilson Field.



THE WINNERS! The first three teams to successfully complete Elk Point's Amazing Race were, left to right, second place teammates Kailee Kotowich and Megan Gogowich, first place finishers Spencer and Denver Graling, Bradley and Dustin Dubrulle, and third place teammates Laura Burton, Debbie Priddle, Trinity Houle and Gloria Ahyasou.

Post office break-in, shooting at Frog Lake keep Elk Point RCMP busy

SGT. B. LAROCQUE
Elk Point RCMP

The RCMP Elk Point are investigating a Break and Enter on August 10, 2016 between 6:00 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. where suspects entered the Canada Post Outlet at the Frog Lake General Store situated at the intersection of Highway 897 and Township Road 652.

Once inside suspects stole blank money order and money gram tem-

plates, stamps and a metal lock box containing an undisclosed amount of Canadian currency. The suspects also entered the storage area of the Frog Lake General Store.

The Elk Point RCMP are asking for the public's assistance to solve this crime. If anyone information about this crime they are asked contact the Elk Point RCMP (780-724-3964) or Crime Stoppers

Shooting

On August 8th, 2016 at 9:45 p.m the Elk Point RCMP received a report of male who was shot with a shotgun on Frog Lake First Nation. Elk Point RCMP responded and determined that a 34 year old male was driving a side by side ATV through a residential property when his dog got into an altercation with two of the property owner's dogs. The 34 year old then pulled a sword from his ATV to defend his dog when a 17 year

old youth appeared and shot him in the leg with a shotgun. The victim left the property and was later treated by EMS and then air lifted to The University of Alberta Hospital in stable condition. The injuries sustained were severe but non-life threatening.

The youth, who can't be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was arrested and will be answering to charges in St Paul Provincial Court on September 1, 2016.

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*We miss you more
than anyone knows, as
time goes by the emptiness
grows.*

*We laugh, we talk, we
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our smiles are broken
hearts.*

*No time to say goodbye,
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SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL	FAX
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Ashmont Secondary	Darrel Kachmarchyk	Box 330, Ashmont T0A 0C0	ASE@spend.net	780-726-3777
Ecole Mallaig	Tom Whitfield	Box 90, Mallaig T0A 2K0	MCS@spend.net	780-635-3938
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Elk Point Outreach	Andrea Austin	4313-48 Ave., St. Paul T0A 3A3	SAE@spend.net	780-645-5176
F. G. Miller Jr./Sr. High	Colin Bjorkman	Box 660, Elk Point T0A 1A0	EFG@spend.net	780-724-3039
Glen Avon	Kandy Songer	4402-42 St., St. Paul T0A 3A3	SGA@spend.net	780-645-6098
Hairy Hill Colony	Ryan Morey	Box 720, Two Hills T0B 4K0	THM@spend.net	780-657-3380
Heinsburg	Carmen McLeod	Gen. Del. Heinsburg T0A 1X0	HCS@spend.net	780-943-3773
New Mymam	Keith Gamblin	Box 160, Mymam T0B 3K0	NMS@spend.net	780-366-2332
Plain Lake Colony	Ryan Morey	Box 720, Two Hills T0B 4K0	THM@spend.net	780-657-3380
Racette	Susan Kotowich-Dubrule	4313-48 Ave., St. Paul T0A 3A3	SRS@spend.net	780-645-2496
St. Paul Alternate Ed	Andrea Austin	4313-48 Ave., St. Paul T0A 3A3	SAE@spend.net	780-645-5176
St. Paul Elementary	Karol Cabaj-Martin	4313-48 Ave., St. Paul T0A 3A3	SES@spend.net	780-645-2606
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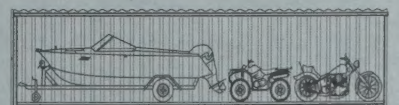
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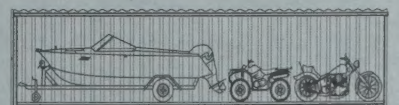
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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

August 9, 2016 Council Meeting

Planning and Development – The County will consider entering into an encroachment agreement with the owners of Lot 2, Block 5, Plan 4223MC at Floatingstone to accommodate their boathouse which is encroaching on the ER and a shed which is encroaching on the road.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-15 to licence ½ mile of undeveloped road allowance located between SW 7-58-10-W4 and SE 12-58-11-W4. The road allowance serves as access to one residence however people have been traveling down the road allowance and dumping garbage. The applicant wants to put up a gate to deter traffic.

Capital Purchase – Council motioned to purchase a used 2014 250GLC Excavator from Brandt Tractor for \$252,000 that includes 5 year/5000 hour warranty. In addition, a brush rake attachment was approved for \$9,500. These were capital items that were not included in the 2016 Capital Budget. Council approved the purchase to be funded from Unrestricted Surplus.

Tender Award – Council opened tenders at the July 26, 2016 Public Works meeting for gravel crushing and stockpiling for the Richland Road and Pit. 13 bids were received ranging from \$1,389,500 to \$1,948,500. Following review of the bid documents, Council awarded the tender to JMB Crushing Systems who was low bid.

Ashmont/Spedden Waterline – The installation of the 12-kilometer water transmission line from Spedden to Ashmont is almost complete. The balance of the work will encompass upgrades at both the Spedden and Ashmont water treatment plant buildings. The project is expected to wrap up mid-September. Water distribution systems in Ashmont and Lottie Lake will have to be flushed when the project is complete. Residents will receive correspondence and information regarding the flushing process over the next month.

Ashmont Lagoon – Work is progressing on the Ashmont Lagoon expansion. The contractor is currently working on the clay liners for the project. During the construction Township Road 594 has been closed around the worksite. The County will be completing the upgrade to the road over the next few weeks with the expectation that it will re-open to the public mid to the end of September. Council members requested additional signage from the west end of the project informing the public that the road is under construction and open to local traffic only.

Funding Support:

- \$250 – Austin Young, National High School Rodeo Championship
- \$1,000 – Advertising for St. Paul Archery Club for a two year period
- \$20,000 – Camp Whitney for washroom renovation project

For more information, contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208



PLAYING UNDER THE LIGHTS - Spectators thinned out as the nights went on, but the teams kept right on playing at Stoney Lake's first Red Eye Tournament in some years.

Submitted photo

Fire Lake wins Red Eye

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

Stoney Lake hasn't had a red eye ball tourney in several years, but people have asked if organizers would ever bring back the format, with night games for ball enthusiasts. And in response to that interest, organizers brought the event back to acclaim, with the crack of bats and people looking to catch the ball under the lights this past weekend in Stoney Lake.

"It's awesome," said Brandi Sakowsky from Elk Point's Off Again team of the red-eye tourney as the team enjoyed the sunshine and camping out on Saturday.

She explained her team joined up as it didn't have a year-end event to finish off its play in its beer league, saying, "We thought this would be a good year-end thing."

Playing at night is definitely more of a challenge, with players at times struggling to locate the ball under just two lights, and the grass soaking from dew, while players also had to keep an eye open to avoid gopher holes, she said.

"It's pretty dangerous, but it's fun,"

she said, noting that with games going through the night, the members of the team stayed up and got soaked playing, with all of their kids up late until 3 a.m. watching, with dreams of home runs and major league plays sure to follow.

She and her husband both were up early on Saturday morning to go to work, but after coming back to Stoney Lake, her enthusiasm hadn't dampened to play more ball.

Stoney Lake has hosted a ball tournament for years and years, but about seven or eight years ago, organizers dropped the night games, said Annette McAnally, an organizer with the event.

"We've a lot of interest in it, people asking if we were going to go back (to having a red eye)," she said, explaining that's how they ended up resurrecting it.

Ron Wirsta, a fellow event organizer, felt it went well when all was said and done, saying, "It was beautiful evenings and a weekend for playing ball."

Fire Lake out of Goodfish won in the A final, where PLS took the B final, out of the nine teams from across the region joining up to play.

The ball tourney weekend event also included a home-run hitting contest, with Lac La Biche's Braden Toronsen winning the contest and prize money.

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